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1. The following fortifications are maintained along the Baltic Coast:*
- Redlowo. Six 125 mm. electrically operated guns, a field RSBF wireless unit and a range finder have been installed in Redlowo on the Polish Coast.** An unspecified unit of the Polish Naval Coast Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Rychel (fnu), a Pole, is stationed here. The deputy commander and political education officer of this unit is Captain Beldegren (fnu), a Jew, from the Soviet Army and an ardent Communist.
- Orlowo. One battery with 135 mm. guns, a range finder and radar equipment are located in Orlowo.
- Hel. Two or three batteries and a temporary range finder are located in Hel. Large dumps of mines and torpedos are located at the naval port of Hel. The entire cape of the peninsula of Hel from Jurata is occupied by troops and is surrounded with barbed wire, with the exception of the port of Hel itself. An unspecified number of pursuit ships (scigacze) and landing craft (lodzie desantowe) are in the port.*** During the first days of October 1951, nine tanks believed by the informant to be of the Sherman type were transported from Gdynia to Hel.
- Kolobrzeg. Three batteries with 135 mm. guns are located west of the port of Kolobrzeg.***
- Miedzyzdroje. Mounts for guns were completed in Miedzyzdroje. The largest range finder on the coast is now under construction here.
- Oksywie. Gun mounts are under construction in the narrow pass of the island where Navy barracks are located. A range finder, radar equipment and underground ammunition dumps are located here. The central arms magazines for the Polish Navy are located in Oksywie. The arms come from Russia and are distributed to various units.

Comment: Construction of coast artillery batteries has been fairly constantly pursued along the entire coast. A site is also at Utska (54° 35' N 16° 51' E) among others.

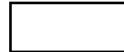
** Comment: the RSBF wireless unit has a range of 2,000 kilometers; with the use of a microphone, a range of 1,000 kilometers.

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***  Comment: It is believed "scigacze" are similar to PT boats.

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****  reported construction or reconstruction in an area west of Kolobrzeg in October 1950.

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